Mark and List Your Valuables, Police Urge

Every person in Greater Victoria who owns small, valuable articles should have a list of serial numbers for indentification in case the articles are stolen, Det. Nap Bouchard warned last night.

He listed portable record players, portable radios, transister radios, cameras, binoculars, light meters, small electrical appliances, typewriters, small firearms, watches and clocks and even car hubcaps as items which are commonly stolen.

"People should have a list of serial numbers of all their property so that if it is stolen they can help the police by making positive identification," he said.

In 1958 a total of 23 cameras were reported stolen, ranging from box cameras to expensive miniature cameras. Of these only five owners were able to supply serial numbers.

"People come in and tell us something is stolen and ask us to locate it. It's like saying 'My blue Ford has been stolen, find it'," he said.

Small, valuable items without serial numbers like jewelry and hubcaps should be marked with the owner's initials or some identification mark.

"Hubcaps for some luxury cars cost as much as $82.35 each, plus tax," he continued. "It only takes a few minutes to remove the hubcaps and scratch initials in them."

Yes, Det. Bouchard has a list of the serial numbers of all small, valuable items in his own home.

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Cleaning Agents Produce Chlorine

Teacher Poison-Gassed

A Sidney kindergarten teacher is recovering at the home of friends in Victoria from chlorine gas lung poisoning suffered when she mixed two cleaning agents at her home.

The accident occurred when Mrs. G. E. Heal, 7843 East Saanich Road, was cleaning her kitchen sink. To a preparation for bleaching enamel she added hot water and household bleach.

Overcome by the fumes she realized she had been poisoned. Reading antidote instructions on the container, she ran to a nearby store to get what was necessary, but collapsed on arrival there.

Central Saanich ambulance rushed her to Royal Jubilee Hospital, where the attending doctor said hers was the first such case he'd seen since the chlorine gas attacks of the First World War.

Because of the mishap, the kindergarten operated by Mrs. Heal since last fall has been closed for the balance of the term.

Teens Dance Tonight

The annual series of Friday night student dances starts tonight at 8 p.m. at Memorial arena.

Tonight's dance, which is "expected to draw at least 1,200 teens" ends at 11 p.m., said Kenneth Noakes who is in charge of the affair.

Participants must be properly dressed with their hair propertly groomed, he stressed.

"Ordinary street clothes are fine, but no person wearing blue jeans, pedal pushers and such forms of clothing will be admitted," he said.

The music for tonight's dancing will be in the form of records supplied by the arena, but in the following weeks, Mr. Noakes said, the various high schools will be responsible for the program.

Shocked by Park Vandalism, Committee Will Probe Cost

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No Commerce

Clover Point Unblemished

Commerce on Clover Point?

Never, said Ald. D. J. Proudfoot yesterday, and Ald. Mrs. Lily Wilson agreed with him.

They wouldn't even go along with Ald. M. H. Mooney's suggestion that parks committee should look into the conditions of Victoria's lease of the property from the federal government, to see if a tea-room or pavilion or even an auditorium would be permitted.

SEASIDE RECREATION

The lease allows developments appropriate to a seaside recreation ground, and city manager C. C. Wyatt recalled that "numerous times people have said how desirable it would be to have a restaurant on Clover Point."

"As I see it, there's nothing to stop us putting an auditorium there," said Ald. Mooney.

I'M AGAINST

"I'm against putting any building of any sort there," said Ald. Proudfoot. "Let's get away from this kind of thing, trying to make an odd penny. It's beautiful now. Let's not spoil it."

"I would not like any commercial venture there at all. It would spoil it," said Ald. Wilson. "It's for recreation, and it's beautiful."

W. H. WARREN
. . . routine report

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Big Year For Trees

City parks department has planted more than 1,400 trees so far this spring, "the heaviest planting in 20 years," parks administrator W. H. Warren reported yesterday to parks committee. More than 350 have been planted in parks, and 1,060 in boulevards, he said.

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Windows, Seats Smashed

Shocked by the toll of vandalism in one park for one month, city parks committee decided yesterday to try to find out how much Victoria taxpayers have to pay in a year for vandalism and untidiness in the parks.

"I don't think people realize how much it costs them," said Ald. Mrs. Lily Wilson.

Parks administrator W. H. Warren was asked to make an estimate.

Mr. Warren gave the committee a list of vandalism in Beacon Hill Park in March, which he said was a "routine report."

It included:

Five windows smashed at the lookout and one in a sports hut.

Cricket field damaged three times by cars driven on it.

Six windows broken and door forced at a tool shed.

Thirty-six polyanthus plants pulled out at the bandstand.

Eight seats thrown into Goodacre Lake.

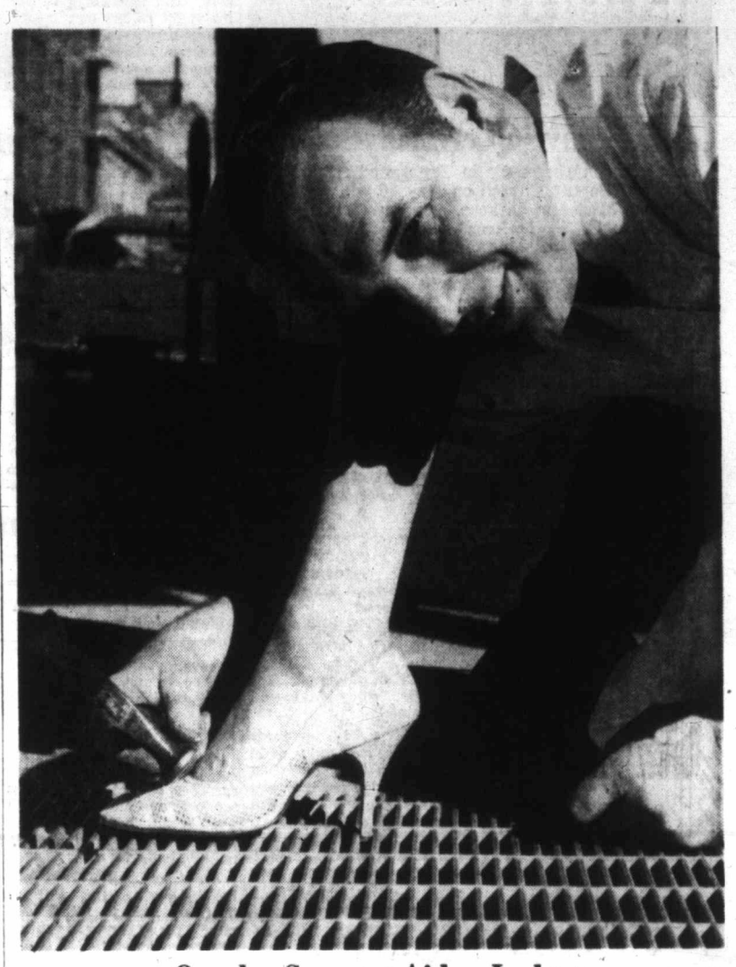
Three cement tables turned over.

All small bleachers at the Heywood field turned over and badly sprung.

Three no-parking signs taken or destroyed.

Eighteen wooden pick-no-flowers signs stolen, and 16 paper signs torn down.

Two thousand daffodil blooms stolen or destroyed.



On the Spot to Aid a Lady

On the spot to aid a lady in distress yesterday was Jack Phillion, manager of a Fort Street shoe repair clinic which is swamped with repairs to women's high heels caught in sidewalk gratings. The not-too-strong plastic heels often snap on smooth pavements, too, but the gratings are taking a heavy toll. And heels cost about $1.50 to replace. — (Colonist photo.)

Planner Promoted

McKinnon Named Chief Forester

New chief forester of British Columbia is Findlay S. McKinnon, 55, who has been promoted from the post of assistant chief forester in charge of the technical planning branch of the B.C. forest service.

Appointment was made yesterday by Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston and was effective as of April 1.

Deputy minister of forests R. G. McKee had carried on as acting chief forester since he was appointed deputy last September.

The new chief forester was born in Nanaimo and first came to the forest service on summer work between 1926 and 1929 while attending Oregon State College School of Forestry and upon graduation entered the B.C. forest service as a junior forester.

He later obtained a master of forestry degree at Harvard School of Forestry. He has been assistant chief forester since 1952.

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F. S. McKINNON
. . . native son

Realtors Fight Ribbon Growth

The Real Estate Board of Victoria has asked the provincial government to institute a firm and far-sighted planning, zoning and utilization authority to control ribbon development on B.C. highways.

Victoria realtor Philip Holmes said yesterday that although the new Trans-Canada Highway from Victoria to Goldstream is only a few years old, it is a good example of spreading bad ribbon development.

He said the Victoria resolution will be presented to the B.C. Association of Real Estate Boards at convention at Harrison Hot Springs Sunday, Monday and Tuesday for endorsation.

SEEKS CONTROL

The resolution asks the government to control development within a sufficiently effective distance on either side of main highways.

It also asks for more restriction on access roads and that consideration be given to increasing the width of major highway rights-of-ways to take full advantage and retain the natural splendor of lands as viewed from the highways.

Linen Loot Turns Up

About $200 worth of linen, towels, bedspreads and throw rugs which disappeared mysteriously from MacMillan's Auto Court, Gorge Road, Monday night, reappeared just as mysteriously Wednesday night.

The goods were stacked neatly outside the room from which they were originally stolen.

Once Was Started

Beaver Lake Golf Idea Revived

Idea of having a golf course at Beaver Lake was revived yesterday.

The city once started to build a golf course there, and although many years have gone by, part of its shape can still be distinguished.

Ald. M. H. Mooney suggested yesterday that the Victoria-Saanich beaches and parks committee be authorized to investigate the possibility of "having another course set up."

"I think it would get a lot of support; and it would be another place for recreation," he said. He added that he thought it would not cost the city any money.

"I'm against council doing anything that deprives private enterprise of coming in," said Ald. D. J. Proudfoot, "but I'll go whole hog with you providing you can get private enterprise to do it."

Inspection Abattoir Urged on Farmers

City council health committee will suggest to south Vancouver Island farmers that they try to persuade one of the big meat packing firms to establish a local abattoir where meat could be inspected.

The committee reached this decision yesterday after discussing the provincial government's apparent reluctance to set up a meat-inspection point in or near Victoria.

"In no part of B.C. does the provincial government supply such a service," Ald. D. J. Proudfoot said.

City council is considering passing a bylaw prohibiting sale of uninspected meat in Victoria. Ald. M. H. Mooney said yesterday he couldn't support such a bylaw until a meat inspection service was provided.

Ald. Mrs. Lily Wilson, maintaining that council's first duty was to protect the health of residents, said two persons had been in hospital in Victoria last year with trichinosis as the result of eating uninspected meat.

DUNCAN — Cowichan district game warden Wallace Webb has been transferred to the Cultus Lake government fish hatchery.

Mr. Webb will end four and a half years here April 30.

Biggest Fair Yet

Everything points to the 1959 Jaycee exhibition being the biggest ever, Ray Rawnsley, Junior Chamber of Commerce president, said last night.

More than 85 per cent of the total floor space for commercial exhibits already has been sold, he said.

Area of the midway will be double what it was last year with a special section for children's rides and a giant ferris wheel for the adults.

Entries for the hobby section will be outstanding, he said, with the most striking exhibit a two-seater glider suspended from the rafters of the curling rink—if officials of the rink grant permission.

"Entertainment from the stage in the Memorial Arena this year will be more the vaudeville type," Mr. Rawnsley added.

PORT ALBERNI—Brigadier J. W. Bishop inspected the ranks of "D" Company, Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) at the annual review here.

Demonstrations of arms drill and field craft were given by platoons under command of Lieut. R. G. Allan and 2nd-Lieut. J. L. Powell.

Civil defence and first aid training were also demonstrated.

Around the Island

Playground Floods Worry Campbell River Trustees

CAMPBELL RIVER—Trustees of School District 72 are worried about flooding of playgrounds at Elm Street and Campbellton elementary schools.

They are seeking co-operation of village commissioners for Elm Street asking them to grade the ground so that surface water can run off into a village ditch.

At Campbellton the provincial department of public works is held responsible. A large culvert under the Island Highway was placed too high to cope with the runoff from the village culvert.

An appeal is to be sent to Minister of Highways P. A. Gaglardi asking for investigation.

Trustees approved use of the high school hardtop playground for 'teen-age safe driving rodeo, May 2, sponsored by the newly formed Jaycees.

W. D. Reid, school district superintendent, reported on a survey of high school students following an article in Life magazine regarding student car ownership and scholastic attainments. Of 12 students here one had reached grade A, others came down the scale to two being in the "D" category.

He thought the students in earning the wherewithal to pay for maintenance were therefore unable to spend sufficient time in school work.

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PARKSVILLE — RCMP are investigating the drowning death of Mrs. Ida Elizabeth Hayes, about 60, Parksville district resident whose body was found floating off a Georgia Strait beach near her home, early yesterday.

An inquiry court will be held at Qualicum Beach early Saturday under Magistrate Thomas Hatfield.

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DUNCAN — Brae's Transfer Ltd., Victoria, was fined $200 in court yesterday for their third conviction within a year of operating an overweight single rear axle truck on a public highway.

One of the owners, Edward Brae, pleaded guilty and admitted one of the company's trucks taking logs from Cowichan Lake to Victoria on March 20 was 2,700 pounds over the maximum 18,000 pounds allowed on the road.

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GANGES—Dr. and Mrs. Ira S. White, Red Cross captains for the drive at Ganges, Vesuvius Bay, North Salt Spring and Musgraves, reported that in those districts the sum of $1,173.75 was collected.

Canvassers for those parts of the island were: Mrs. J. Bond, Mrs. J. W. Catto, Mrs. A. L. Campbell, Mrs. J. H. Deyell, Mrs. A. E. Duke, Mrs. E. Ellis, Mrs. W. Flewin, Mrs. J. M. Hayward, Mrs. G. Lowe, Miss June Mitchell, Mrs. C. P. Moat, Mrs. R. Underhill, Mrs. M. Winteringham.

Mrs. R. H. Lee, captain for South Salt Spring, reported $224.90 collected, canvassers being Mrs. E. Campbell, Mrs. R. Hewitt, Mrs. F. L. Jackson, Mrs. W. Lassiter, Miss Gladys Shaw, Mrs. W. Y. Stewart, Mrs. Andrew Stevens.

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PORT ALBERNI — Mrs. Emma Jane Strong, 88, who died here Wednesday, left 79 descendants.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Ada Smith, 405 Burke Road, Alberni, Mrs. Maud Swanson, Edmonton, and Mrs. Reta Fennassy, Cranbrook; two sons, Norman, Creston, and William, Calgary; 21 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Rev. Roy Rodgers will officiate at Services in St. Andrews United Church at 2 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Alberni Valley Memorial Gardens.

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DUNCAN — Thieves ignored racks of new tires yesterday morning and took an estimated $120 in cash from Joe's Tire Hospital Ltd., 176 Government, after entering through a rear window of the vulcanizing plant.

Police said they are looking for the culprits who gained entry by "jimmying" out the whole window frame and glass.

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CAMPBELL RIVER — Stanley Wall of Willow Point has been appointed inspector of the federal government extension to the breakwater here and will supervise first phase of a three-phase project.

After the new breakwater has been constructed between Lavers Store and the present wharf a dredging program will take place and three floats each 150 feet long will be installed in the dredger area. This will give harborage for about 50 seiners and leave the present fishermans' floats for smaller craft.

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LAKE COWICHAN—Shirley Woodward, 18, Lady of the Lake here last July 1, will represent Cowichan in the Miss PNE contest at Vancouver in August, celebrations officials said yesterday.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Woodward, Lake Cowichan village.

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PORT ALBERNI — A dog show will be held here Saturday evening under auspices of Alberni Valley Kennel Club at Eric Graf hall starting at 7 p.m.

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GANGES — Salt Spring Island Choral Society, ably conducted by Mrs. G. B. Young, presented its 23rd annual concert, Wednesday, in the Mahon Hall.

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DUNCAN — Moncrieff Williamson, education and extension services director at the Greater Victoria Art Gallery, will be guest speaker Monday at the annual meeting of the Cowichan Community Arts Council, at 8 p.m. in Cowichan High School.